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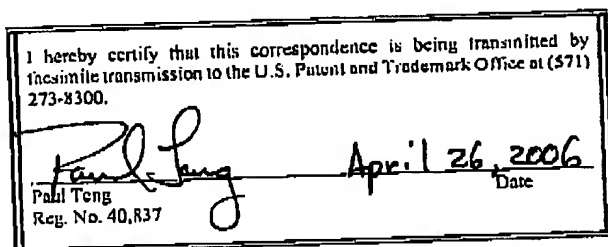
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The enclosed items were cited in a February 28, 2006 official Communication and Supplementary European Search Report in connection with European Application No. EP 03 72 7983 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the February 28, 2006 Communication and Supplementary European Search Report is also enclosed. The remaining reference (Pruessman et al.) cited in the Supplementary European Search Report was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant on January 24, 2005, and therefore is not being listed on the Form PTO-1449 annexed hereto.

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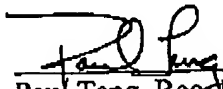
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